

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 38 are pending in the application; Claims 18 - 21 and 23-38 are withdrawn from consideration; Claims 1 - 17 and 22 stand rejected. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 17 have been amended; Claims 18 - 21 and 23 - 38 are cancelled; new dependent Claims 39 and 40 have been added.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2 and 9 alleging they are vague and indefinite for the use of the phrase “and the like”. The claims have either been amended to remove mention of this phrase or amended to remove the limitation and make it the subject of new dependent claims in order to add clarity. New dependent Claim 39 depends from Claim 1 and new dependent Claim 40 depends from Claim 2. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 9 as vague and indefinite for the use of the trademark product “Varian Chroma....Zone”. The Claim has been amended to delete this term and insert “a flash chromatography column”. Support for this amendment can be found at page 36, beginning at line 31, and continuing to page 37, line 12, where it describes purification by flash chromatography. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Double Patenting

The Examiner’s provisional rejection of the pending claims alleges they claim the same invention as co-pending Application No. 10/624,436. Applicant submits that this amendment removes any claim overlap between these co-pending applications by cancelling the overlapping claims.

Applicant believes that it has responded fully to all of the concerns expressed by the Examiner in the Office Action, and respectfully requests that new claims be entered and examined, and that early favorable action be taken on all claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reexamination of all rejected claims and early favorable action on them as well.

If the Examiner has any further concerns, Applicant requests a call to Patrick Dwyer at (206) 550-4049.

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Respectfully submitted,

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